

RIVERVIEW PSYCHIATRIC CENTER
Human Rights Committee
September 11, 2007
Casco Bay Conference Room, 1:30 p.m.

Committee Members:

√ Peter Devine via ITV	√ Holly Dixon, Chair	√ Karen Evans
√ Jim Gill	√ Jay Harper	√ Jeff Irving
√ Ann Lang	√ Eileen Wilkins	

Guests: Barbara Sylvester-Pellette

Minutes Recorder: Judy Wheeler

Chair:

Date Approved: September 11, 2007

Issue	Discussion	Plan	Follow-up
Minutes	Minutes reviewed and Jim Gill moved and Karen Evans seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the 9/11/2007 meeting. Motion passed.	Minutes approved.	None
Grievances	<p>The committee reviewed the following grievances with Barbara Sylvester-Pellette, CRM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 176US: Client cutting morning meetings short or canceling. 285LS: Harassment of client over old grievances, staff were sending out reminders about harassment 287LS: HRC discussed this incident with CRM who said that it did not have a desired outcome, but may have been due to the client's psychosis. 	<p><u>Action</u></p> <p>CRM, Client to be educated on group leadership.</p> <p>CRM, PSD out 2 weeks,</p> <p>None</p>	<p><u>Follow up</u></p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>

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Grievances (cont)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 291LS: Peer Support did not meet with client after promising to. 	CRM said, Level II's written by Superintendent as Resolved.	None
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 294LS: HRC questioned whether a conversation would have been possible prior to psychiatric emergency on 8/9. 	CRM said Dr. Nelson is aware of this incident and is working on a new process.	None
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 322UK: Client prescribed dangerous combination of drugs, caught by Pharmacy, client commended for excellent work in the resolve of this incident. HRC asked CRM to have a discussion with Dr. Nelson. 	CRM asked to re-search further.	None at this time
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 325UK: Staff sleeping on night shift, reported several times. 	HRC asked CRM to follow up on this to see if there is a pattern.	None at this time
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 510LK and 511LK: Client privacy regarding telephone calls. Client not allowed to make a call to attorney unless asked to do so nicely and the phone client needed to use was not working, and desk phone would not give privacy. 	HRC would like to have phones made available at all times and be in an area where there is privacy.	None at this time
Announcements	Jim Gill presented the Announcement for the Mental Health Community Resource Fair being held on Friday, October 5 th , Riverview Psychiatric Center.	HRC recommend- ed minor changes.	None needed.

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Client Medication	HRC discussed the need for a process for a clients medication list to be circulated from a community doctor, to the hospital, and from the hospital to the clients community support source.	None at this time	None at this time
Seclusion and Restraints	Barbara Sylvester-Pellette handed out graphs on the average time of restraints (hands on, SRC, and 5 points) for each unit from July 2007 through August 2008. She said that out of 10 events the average length was 2 minutes on Lower Kennebec for hands on. She said, Lower Saco had 1 client with 3 extreme events who has gone 4 or 5 months without an event. She said Lower Saco has a little higher number of events and Lower Kennebec does not have many events, and that Upper Kennebec has had some fairly long events of seclusion during February and March, 2 restraint events in March and April, that were under an hour, with one a little over an hour. Upper Saco has longer stay clients and their time is longer for hold.	None	None
“Time Out”	The HRC discussed a need for changing the term “Time Out”, due to the affect these words have on an individual.	Further discussion	None at this time
Multi-Sensory Room	The HRC discussed an interest in touring the new multi-sensory room on Lower Kennebec.	Further discussion and planning	None at this time
IST and NCR	Discussed IST (Incompetent to Stand Trial) and NCR (Not Criminally Responsible) and would like to ask Ann LeBlanc or Bob Lamoreau to attend a meeting to help members better understand the criminal aspect and the verbage of a Forensic hospitalization.	None at this time	None at this time
Adjourned	Adjourned at 3:28 p.m.		